



# THE DUPONT DISPATCH

October 2020

## Ghouls just want to have fun,

And while this year is certainly like no other, some would say it's downright spooky! After all the tricks this year, we deserve a few treats! So bring your unwanted materials to the Fall Clean-Up, get bidding at the Parks & Recreation Auction, and celebrate Halloween responsibly. Let's lift our spirits from the grave and make the best of this October!

After reading this newsletter, please let us know your thoughts! Is this valuable? Helpful? Interesting? Would you like to see it continue? [We want to know!](#)

## Sources for City Information

[City of DuPont Website](#)

[City of DuPont Facebook](#)

### DID YOU KNOW...

*Dressing up on Halloween comes from the Celts.*

*Celts believed Samhain was a time when the wall between our world and the paranormal world was porous and spirits could get through. Because of this belief, it was common for the Celts to wear costumes and masks during the festival to ward off or befuddle any evil spirits.*

## COVID-19

As the current situation unfolds, information is being updated regularly. The City of DuPont is working hard to keep you informed. Below are hyperlinks to COVID-19 resources on the City website. Stay home, stay healthy, and we'll see you soon.

[COVID-19: Status updates, safety precautions, and links to more information.](#)

[Resources for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[COVID-19, Community Resources](#)



Last year staff dressed up for Halloween! Check back for our 2021 Halloween costumes—guaranteed to be bigger and better!



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

## Halloween Festivities

Traditional Trick-or-Treating on the evening of Halloween, October 31, 2020, is permitted. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has labeled trick-or-treating as a “high-risk” activity so please use your best judgement. If you do partake, we encourage the community to practice social distancing, wear a mask, and adorn your finest costume this Halloween. The City will offer a [sign available to download](#) on our website for those households not wanting to participate in trick-or-treating. Please be respectful of those who have this sign posted.

Additionally, due to COVID-19, the City of DuPont has made the difficult decision to cancel the Downtown Trick-or-Treating celebration during the day. This decision was not made lightly, as it is a favorite event amongst families. The health and safety of our community and staff is the top and foremost priority. Due to the amount of trick-or-treaters and the close proximity of which they are in, social distancing would be practically impossible to control.

The City is planning alternative activities for the season. Please watch the City website for details. Together, we can have a safe and happy Halloween.

# Helping the Puget Sound Starts with Us

DuPont, as a member of the group STORM (Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities), was part of the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign during September. This is a regional effort from municipalities around the Puget Sound. The Department of Ecology estimates that the majority of pollutants entering the Sound are carried by stormwater runoff from the surrounding cities. This campaign focused on behavior that most residents can easily adopt to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the Sound:

- 1. Use natural yard care techniques to grow a healthy lawn and garden.** Use compost or do not over-fertilize your yard. Use plants that are suited to your soil type and sun conditions.
- 2. Pick up pet waste and place it in the trash.** Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogenic bacteria that can be harmful to aquatic life when washed out into our waterways.
- 3. Fix vehicle leaks such as oil, transmission fluid, or antifreeze.** Vehicles drip an estimated 7 million quarts of motor oil that winds up in the Puget Sound watershed each year.
- 4. Use a commercial car wash** (where wastewater is treated or recycled) or wash your car over lawn or gravel (allowing the water to seep into the ground where the soil can act as a natural filter).

Remember, stormwater runoff is not treated! [You can learn more at here!](#)





CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

# ANNUAL AUCTION

## October 17, 2020

Supports Youth, Adult & Senior Programming

## Parks & Recreation

### Annual Auction

Our [largest fundraising event](#) of the year is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th and we are going virtual! Our virtual auction will be open one week prior for participants to preview the items and shop the site. Procedures, online bidding, and tickets sales are being finalized this week. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 5th. We are extremely grateful to CalPortland and LeMay for their financial contributions to this year's event.

### Teen League & Middle School Youth Committee

Our teens continue to meet and plan activities via Zoom on a weekly basis. This past weekend, the teens painted a number of ["Zombie Rocks"](#) which they will hide throughout the community in October in celebration of Halloween.

### Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar

Staff is in the process of securing a "social distance friendly" location for our Annual Holiday Bazaar. Don't count us out yet! Please watch for details in the City's weekly report.

### Senior Activities

We continue to engage with our seniors via Zoom and they're excited about their online meeting capabilities. We are engaging with seniors who can't normally leave the house and they are extremely appreciative for the opportunity to engage and be a part of the community. We have hosted a monthly Bingo Night and are hosting our second [Trivia Night](#) on October 9th.

[Click here to stay up to date with the latest Parks & Recreation events and activities!](#)

**Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent**  
**Steilacoom Historical School District**  
**No. 1**

I am incredibly proud of our staff, families and students. We are lucky to be part of a community that pulls together to create a strong system of support for our learners as we began the school year in a way we never thought possible. The Steilacoom Historical School District welcomed over 3,100 students back to school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our staff anxiously awaited the return of our students, and our families have been wonderfully supportive as we navigate remote instruction. We received so many kind messages of thankfulness and support from our community members as we began our school year.

Our classrooms are still filled with joy, innovation and a sense of belonging. Weaving joyfulness into a remote learning environment is not easy, but it is a priority with the SHSD team. As neural educators, we know that infusing joy into school reduces anxiety, boosts learning, builds resilience and motivates our students to try new things. I am grateful to be part of a team that works to purposefully share joy, even as we navigate a school year like no other.

*Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent*

## DuPont Museum

The City pleased to announce that the [DuPont Museum](#) has safely opened its doors, offering regular business hours to visitors.

Staff and Historical Society volunteers have taken great measures to protect visitors and staff. All visitors are required to wear face masks, practice social distancing, and take their temperature upon entering the museum.

The first week of opening since the pandemic was very successful and visitors were grateful and appreciative of the extra safety measures in place.

### DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MEMBERSHIP INVITE 2020

**WHY:** To promote and preserve the history of DuPont and Puget Sound region

**What:** Learn from our history to prepare for the future

**How:** Become a part of our team  
Volunteer at the museum & events  
Help fund the DuPont Historical Society

#### INFORMATION:

DUPONTHISTORICALMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM  
DUPONTMUSEUM.COM  
253-964-2399

# 2020 FALL CLEANUP



Pierce  
County  
Refuse



A Waste Connections Company



The City of DuPont in coordination with LeMay Pierce County Refuse is offering a Community Cleanup of your unwanted materials on:

**SATURDAY, October 10, 2020 ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM**

## Two Ways to Participate:

1. **Curbside.** This year's clean-up will again be conducted "curb-side". Place your unwanted materials in bags or boxes (not to exceed 45lbs each- that one person can carry or pickup easily) at your usual pickup location in the alley/curb *by* 8:00AM so the garbage trucks can start the cleanup!
  - a. Make sure your bags or boxes are properly closed so they are wind and animal proof.  
Let's all do our part to keep our City clean!!
2. **Bulky Waste.** Bring any bulky yard waste and general waste to the vacant lot adjacent to City Hall (1700 Civic Dr.) between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
  - a. Please maintain a 6 ft. social distance and with your help, we can keep staff safe & healthy. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**
  - b. There will be NO DONATION TRAILER & NO METAL WASTE for this event. To recycle metal visit: [www.co.pierce.wa.us/1529/Metal](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1529/Metal)

## **Please..... NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS!!**

Residential customers may take their hazardous materials to the City of Tacoma Recycle Drop off Center (free of charge) located at: 3510 S. Mullen Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

**Hazardous materials are: Antifreeze, Flammable Liquids, Fluorescent Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Oil Based Paints, Insecticides, Yard & Garden Chemicals, Etc.**

To prevent latex paint cans from being on the hazardous materials list, put cat litter in the cans to dry them out and dispose of them as garbage. Only dry paint can be accepted!!

For further information, call LeMay Pierce County Refuse at: (253) 875-5053.



## DuPont COVID-19 Small Business Grants—Round 2

The City has received additional CARES Act funding through the State of Washington. Small businesses that did not apply and qualify for the first round are eligible and encouraged to apply.

**The City of DuPont will accept applications for grants from Monday, September 28 - Monday, October 5, 2020.**

[Click here for the application & complete details.](#)

A graphic for the City of Dupont featuring a light blue grid background. At the top, the text "CITY OF DUPONT" is in blue. Below it, in large red letters, is "AGENCIES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS OPENINGS". Further down, in blue text, is "Looking for ways to get involved in the community? Consider serving on a City agency, board, or commission and add your voice to local government." At the bottom, in red text, is "Current openings include: Civil Service Commission, Planning Commission, & Tree Board". The graphic is decorated with various stationery icons like paper clips, pens, and a stapler.

CITY OF DUPONT

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**Who you gonna  
call...**

**City of DuPont!**

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**DuPont City Hall:  
(253)-964-8121**

**Police & Fire Non-  
Emergency Line:  
(253)-798-4721**

**Lakewood Animal  
Control: (253)-830-5010**

**LeMay Trash Service:  
(253)-875-5053**

**Northwest Landing  
ROA:  
(253)-964-1289**

Looking for the  
City Calendar?

[Find it here!](#)